

U.S.S.N. 08/765,324
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AMENDMENT

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45. The method of claim 43 for making antibodies to an apolipoprotein wherein the apolipoprotein is selected from the group consisting of Apo AI, Apo AII, Apo B, Apo CIII, and Apo E.

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46. The method of claim 43 for making antibodies to a lipoprotein wherein the lipoprotein is selected from the group consisting HDL, LDL, and VLDL.

Remarks

The Interview

Applicants and the undersigned greatly appreciated the interview and the Examiner's extremely helpful suggestions.

Amendments to the Claims

The claims in this application which were drawn to a method for determining the relative ratio of two lipoproteins (HDL and VLDL), claims 15, 16, and 42, have been cancelled from this application and added in the related application U.S.S.N. 08/970,045, as suggested by the Examiner. The composition claims drawn to the antibody which is specifically reactive with an epitope which is conformationally stable and independent of lipid content, claims 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 27, 35, 36, and 37 have been cancelled from this application and added to, or are pending in, parent application U.S.S.N. 08/268,809. Claims to the kit comprising reagents for determining the relative ratios of lipoproteins, claims 28, 29, and 30, have also been cancelled from this application and are being pursued in the '045 application.

It is believed this moots all possible double patenting rejections, as discussed at the

interview.

Since this would leave this application with no pending claims, and because it was agreed that claims to a method for making the antibodies to the lipid independent, conformationally independent epitopes of U.S.S.N. 08/970,045, claims 30-32, would be cancelled from that application, these claims have been added to this application as new claims 43-46. As a result, claims to the antibodies and methods of use are pending in U.S.S.N. 08/268,809; claims to methods for determining relative ratios of apolipoproteins or lipoproteins to other apolipoproteins or lipoproteins and kits for use in the methods are pending in U.S.S.N. 08/970,045; and claims to a method to make the antibodies of the '809 application are pending in this application as new claims 43-46.

Support for the new claims is found in the application, for example, at page 26, lines 20-28, and page 27, lines 5-16.